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BRIEFLY**Portland firm
to pay \$150,000
in pollution case**

A Portland construction company accused of allowing a former subsidiary to pollute Seattle's Duwamish River and Lake Union has agreed to pay a \$150,000 fine.

The settlement was disclosed yesterday, a day after Riedel International Inc. and two of its former employees were charged in federal court in Seattle with dumping concrete waste into the waterways in 1986.

The charges related to the operations of the Pioneer Construction Materials Co., a former Seattle subsidiary of Riedel, which since has been sold to a Seattle company.

In 1986, Pioneer routinely washed down concrete trucks along the Duwamish and Lake Union, sending highly alkaline concrete waste into the water, according to the charges.

In the agreement, Riedel pleaded guilty to six of 10 counts and agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine on each count.

The maximum penalty would have been \$100,000 on each count. As part of the agreement, the U.S. attorney's office said it would not file further charges against Riedel relating to the discharges.

Two other defendants, James Repman and Ronald Summers, both supervisors at the Pioneer operations, remain as defendants in the court action.

